

Prophet to the Nations: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday Bible Reflections by Dr. Scott Hahn

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Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19; Psalm 71: 1-6,15-17; 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13;
Luke 4:21-30



God's words in today's First Reading point us beyond Jeremiah to Jesus. Like Jeremiah, Jesus was consecrated in the womb and sent as a "prophet to the nations" (see [Luke 1:31-33](#)).

Like the prophets before Him, Jesus too faces hostility. In today's Gospel, the crowd in His hometown synagogue quickly turns on Him, apparently demanding a sign, some proof of divine origins - that He's more than just "the son of Joseph."

The sign He gives them is that of the prophets Elijah and Elisha. From their colorful careers Jesus draws two stories. In each, the prophets bypass "many...in Israel" to bestow God's blessings on non-Israelites who had faith that the prophets were men of God (see [1 Kings 17:1-16](#); [2 Kings 5:1-14](#)). "None... not one" in Israel was found deserving, Jesus emphasizes.

His point isn't lost on His audience. They know He's likening them to the "many...in Israel" in the days of the prophets. That's why they try to shove Him off the cliff. As He promised to protect Jeremiah, the Lord delivers Jesus from those who would crush Him.

And as were Elijah and Elisha, Jesus is sent to proclaim God's gift of salvation - not exclusively to one nation or people, but to all who realize in faith that from the womb God alone is their hope, their rescuer, their "rock of refuge," as we sing in today's Psalm.

Prophecies, Paul tells us in today's Epistle, are partial and pass away "when the perfect comes." In Jesus, the word of the prophets has been brought to perfection, fulfilled in those who have ears to Hear, as He declares in today's Gospel.


Greater than the gifts of faith and hope, Jesus shows us how to love as He loved, to love God as our Father, as One Who formed us in the womb and destined us to hear His saving Word.

This is the salvation, the "mighty works of the Lord," that we, as the Psalmist, are thankful to proclaim daily in the Eucharist.

ANNOUNCED MASSES
January 30th – February 7th, 2016

Sat. Jan. 30th 4:30 p.m.	Weekday Helen Mikus – RIP – by husband and family
Sun. Jan. 31st 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Bruna Alesi – RIP – by the family Irene and Urban Bourdon - Thanksgiving – by Irene and Donald
Mon. Feb. 1st	NO MASS
Tues. Feb. 2nd 7:00 p.m.	Presentation of the Lord For Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Feb. 3rd 9:00 a.m.	Saints Blaise and Ansgar For Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. Feb. 4th 9:00 a.m.	Weekday For the People (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Fri. Feb. 5th 9:00 a.m.	Saint Agatha (First Friday) For the People (<i>Pro Populo</i>)
Sat. Feb. 6th 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	Saint Paul Miki and companions (First Saturday) For Souls in Purgatory Thanksgiving by Norman Sorono
Sun. Feb. 7th 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Constantino Lopez – RIP – by the family Elizabeth Bastien – RIP – by Ghislaine Lagace

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Soul Of Christ (Anima Christi)

The *Anima Christi* is a prayer from around the first half of the century. It is still widely used after receiving the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in holy Communion.

*Soul of Christ, make me holy.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me clean.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
Kind Jesus, hear me.
Hide me within your wounds.
Let me never be separated from you.
Defend me from evil.
In the hour of my death call me to yourself,
That with your saints I may praise you
in everlasting life.
Amen*

(Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, Blessings and Prayers for Home and Family, Ottawa: CCCB Publications, 2004 as cited by Living with Christ, February 2016)

Be My Disciples News

Parent Meeting will be next Sunday, February 7, 2016, immediately after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, in the Church Hall.
All parents must attend!

The Food Bank "Oasis"

Please remember to bring non-perishable food and leave them in the bins at the doors of the church...Thank you.

Sick and Shut-Ins

If you know of someone who is housebound or has difficulty coming to Church and would like a visit to receive Holy Communion, please call the office. If you can offer a ride to someone who cannot get here otherwise, please let us know. Thank you.

Envelopes for 2016 Sunday Offerings

Envelopes for 2016 Sunday offerings are still at the front of the Church. **Please take only the box with your name and number on it.** If you have never used the envelopes and wish to start, please register and ask for a new box at the Rectory or call (514) 747-4226 during office hours (8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.). **We request all users to please put your name and address on the first few envelopes for the New Year to ensure proper recording.** Thank you.